I am concerned that the "Broadcast Flag" proposal will result in a situation whereby it will become very difficult or impossible for me as a consumer of broadcast video to continue to make use of the content. I am not a "pirate" as the content producers seem to see me as they propose rules to restrict my access to content. I do record programs to watch later because I am unable to be there to watch the original broadcast. I do not make them available to anyone outside of my household. I see the "Broadcast Flag" proposal as the continuation of an effort to prevent me from using my U.S. Court awarded "fair use" rights.

Historically the attempts to prevent piracy of digital content in manners such as this have simply made it more difficut for the legitimate consumer to use while failing to stop the big time vendors who copy and distribute copyrighted digital materials.

I urge you to reject this proposal.